

THE DOLT

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If Richard Doe had not been a poor dolt he would never have been a good soldier.

At least, so Richard himself expressed it in a letter that Abe Walton, the town clerk, received back home from "somewhere in France."

The young soldier had been the recipient of a number of congratulatory missives consequent upon a published account of his acts of heroism and daring on the western front. And the youth had read them modestly and had penned a solitary reply to Abe Walton at Kensington, knowing that Abe would take it in turn to the respective villagers. And Abe did.

Now young Doe had never borne an enviable name in the village. Tall and handsome, he regularly joined the "hangers on" about the general store, working at nothing, and giving but little promise of ever doing anything else. He made a fit subject for the gossip, of which there were many. Nevertheless, Richard Doe was always conscious that he possessed certain latent qualities which ought to be made patent. They needed only a time of trial to bring out their grit and pliability. And the time came, and Ruth Walton was responsible for it.

Ruth was the only daughter of Abe Walton, and a teacher in the village school. She was a tall, slender girl, scarcely out of her teens, whose face was one of those quite as striking for its character as its beauty.

She admired Doe, liked him for his sympathetic understanding of his fellow human beings, his sense of the dramatic, his untrammeled flow of words, which were the best perquisites of his friendship for a girl in her profession. Once he had reproved her for overhauling and had brusquely turned from Tom Whitney's proffered cigarette case. It was at the supper table that Ruth had said:

"Dick lacks the 'pop' that characterizes the modern young man. He does not smoke, he does not dance. He's too handsome to work. He's a dolt."

One day, in desperation, Doe decided that he would force the attention of the village upon his talent. He whispered something into the ear of Abe Walton, who had already given the youth a big corner in his own heart. The next morning he dropped quietly out of the village and the tongues of the gossips wagged furiously. Mrs. H—, who never meddled with anyone's affairs, reminded the neighbors that a year before she had said that Richard Doe would disappear some day and would turn up later in a penitentiary. "As for Abe Walton," she declared, "he has yielded his energy to the hypnotic influence of that loafer scoundrel."

It was true that Doe's departure gave Abe more energy. He quickly got a contract from a New York journalist for the erection of a pretentious stucco mansion on the knoll adjoining his own homestead.

Time passed quickly at Kensington. June came and the robins piped their sweetest lay, and the odor of the rose and the honeysuckle stole through screened chamber windows. At the close of a balmy afternoon Ruth Walton sat alone in her own boudoir reading a war story which appeared in the newspaper.

Suddenly she remembered that there was a dance that evening in the pavilion. She arose, rubbed her face, which seemed drawn and bloodless, and hastened below to prepare the evening meal.

The dance had never seemed so pretty and overdone. Nell Whitney, in a flurry of excitement, made some complimentary remarks about Ruth's dress.

"Richard Doe is here," she said. "And oh, isn't it dreadful, Ruth," she gasped, "his left arm has been shot off!"

This was too much for Ruth. In the stupor which almost held her brain in thrall she heard a faint "Where's Ruth?" as she tottered to the road that led to Kensington knoll.

Her hands wavered; her knees shook at footsteps she knew only too well.

"Go! Go back, Richard!" she screamed. "Forgive me. I can't bear to look at you. Your arm!" she gasped.

"It isn't as bad as you think, Ruth," catching her arm and trying to comfort her. "See!"

Deliberately he unbuttoned his frock, disclosing a whole arm suspended in a sling.

"Force of habit," he laughed as he buttoned his coat this time with the arm outside. His joviality lapsed her to a steady calm. A thrill of pleasure surrounded her being as once again he took her hand. A fresh June zephyr swept the fragrant pine across the knoll, where, sitting against the open sky, a stately mansion bathed in a flood of silvery moonlight.

"It's yours, Ruth. I did it for you," he whispered.

A solitary tear of joy stood on the cheek of the girl, who hid her face on the breast of the man who some months before she had consigned to the scrap heap of character failures.

Gently he lifted her head, pushed back her loose tresses from her face and reverently kissed her.

Somewhere among the deeper shadows of a lilac bush a pair of eyes, overstrained and anxious, lit up with childish delight, and a ruddy face broadened into one protracted smile.

"Looks like there'll be a wonderful big time in Kensington some day," said Abe Walton.

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Danville, Kentucky.

Although our market has been somewhat congested for the past week, still FENNER & PITT have been making record-breaking sales. We expect to see block sales clear up within the next few days and expect to see prices still higher.

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Whitehouse & Middleton, Boyle county, 2,565 pounds, \$1,216.57; average	\$47.25
Donahue Bros., Boyle county, 4,670 pounds, \$2,301.80; average	\$49.50
Royster Ray, Lancaster, 885 pounds, \$449.95; average	\$50.80
G. W. Denny, Lancaster, 4,090 pounds, \$1707.39; average	\$41.25
Epperson & Hazelwood, Boyle county, 3,865 pounds, \$1,374.65; average	\$36.25
Phil Brown, Lancaster, 1,250 pounds, average	\$47.47

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A. H. Bastin and Co.

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Will sell by the load or as a whole.
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Sweet Clover Seed Wanted. Manure
Wanted.
E. C. Cheatham,
1-3-31 Lancaster, Phone 382-A.

Man past 30 with horse and buggy
to sell Stock Condition Powder in
Garrard County. Salary \$50 per
month. Address 424 South Meridian
St., Indianapolis, Indiana. 11-9d.

Daily Thought.
When men speak ill of thee, live so
that nobody will believe it.—Plato.

Farm For Sale.

Having purchased a 100 acre farm
near Louisville, Ky. I will offer my
small farm of 10 acres on Richmond
pike, at Hyattsville, Ky. to be sold,
providing I can dispose of it at an
early date. For information see
D. A. THOMAS, Lancaster, Ky.,
or Sgt. J. W. Benxley.

Mtd. Det. F. A. C. O. T. S.
Camp Taylor Ky.

Red Cross News

Grenades.

The A. R. C. distributed 200,000
flu masks among American troops in
France.

Motor Corps members give annual-
ly about 34,320,000 miles of service
to the Red Cross.

The Red Cross dispensary service
in Paris has a school where French
women are taught district nursing.

The A. R. C. War Council has made
a further appropriation of \$375,000
for general relief work in Siberia.

Co-operating with the British govern-
ment, the A. R. C. has spent \$238,-
000 in caring for shell-shocked chil-
dren in England.

Through the Red Cross—2,212,431
Christmas parcels were forwarded to
the American Expeditionary Forces
overseas.

The Red Cross Home Service
means to prevent any disabled sol-
dier from making the mistake of re-
turning unretrained.

Red Cross rations of milk, corn and
sugar, and soup kitchens in Madiera
and the Azores are aiding the island-
ers over a famine almost continuous
during the war.

Home-steering has an especial ap-
peal for veteran Yanks. The gov-
ernment has appropriated \$200,000
to examine and survey its land re-
sources for the boys.

Half of the 80,000 French babies
who died last year might have been
saved. "Visit every baby in France!"
is the Red Cross plan to save 40,000
babies in 1919.

More than 50,000 women serving
in canteens at practically every im-
portant railroad junction in the
United States are giving our fighting
men a substantial welcome.

Disabled soldiers may become
uninsurable. If they allow their gov-
ernment insurance to lapse, they lose

their last chance for insurance pro-
tection for their families.

A worried Sicilian soldier-father—
a tiny motherless baby—a grand-
mother at a distance of three days
and nights by rail—Red Cross con-
densed milk rationed the expedition
and saved the baby.

Daily Thought.

Human improvement is from within
outward.—Froude.

The Better Course.

It is better to fight for the good than
to rail at the ill.—Tennyson.

Makes Some Difference.

Corrections made recently in maps
of Greenland have shown it to be
about 150,000 square miles larger than
formerly believed.

Foundation of All.

All government, indeed every human
benefit and enjoyment, every virtue,
every prudent act, is founded on com-
promise and barter.—Burke.

Active Volcano.

The most active volcano in the world
is Mount Sunagay. It is 17,100 feet
high, situated on the eastern chain of
the Andes, South America. It has
been in constant eruption since 1728.

The Rose's Name.

The name "rose" varies only slightly
among different nations. The Ro-
mans called it rosa—a form adhered
to in Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and
Russian. In Polish it is roza, in Dutch
roos, in Swedish ros, and in French,
German and Danish rose.

Doing Well.

Pat was digging at his field, which
turned out a very rough piece of land.
A policeman, looking over the gate,
inquired whether he would get any po-
tatoes off it this season. "Well," re-
plied Pat, rather cheerfully, "I have
50 stones out up to the present."

Golden Deed.

Phillips Brooks said: "He who helps
a child helps humanity with a distinct-
ness, an immediateness, which no other
help given in any other stage of hu-
man life can possibly give."

Discovery of Rubber.

The rubber tree was discovered by a
Jesuit missionary, Father Manecide
Esperance. He found it while on one
of his apostolic journeys among the
Cambebas Indians of South America
and gave it the singular name of the
seringueira, because he remarked that
the savages used the sap of this tree,
which hardens quickly, to make rude
bottles that were shaped like a syringe.

The Hornpipe.

The "hornpipe" is an old English
dance peculiar to England. In fact,
one might almost say it was the chief
dance of the British sailor, and is still.
Modern "hornpipes" are in common
time and of a more lively character
than the ancient form. It is supposed
to have received its name from the in-
strument which was played during its
performance.

Goodness.

I think that most of my readers
will agree with me that, notwithstand-
ing the all-pervasive evil which in a
thousand shapes haunts the footsteps
of our race, good is still the mightiest
power in the world, and, if its aimless
strength could be concentrated and
directed, would go far towards effect-
ing a reformation of the world.—Sir
H. Rider Haggard.

Speaking of Jawbreakers.

One is reminded by the word whose
death is celebrated by Democritus (and
which, by the way, in a civilized lan-
guage is called "lese majeste") of an-
other sesquipedalian term which has
gone out of style. Canonius tells us
that "terminological inexactitudinar-
ian" is the longer and prettier phrase
that has been supplanted by a shorter
and uglier word.

Sheriffs Sale

FOR

DELINQUENT

Taxes

I. A. K. Walker, Sheriff of Gar-
rard County, will on

MONDAY, JANUARY 27th 1919,

same being County Court Day, offer
for sale at the Court House door, at
Lancaster, Kentucky, the following
real property, returned delinquent,
same being the amount due for state,
County and school taxes, for the
year 1918. Said sale to begin at
one o'clock Standard time. The
names of those paying before that
time will be stricken from the list.

NO. 1. LANCASTER, WHITE.

Hemphill, J. C., n. r. land, 29.62
Meadows, A. J. and J. C., land, 14.24

No. 1. LANCASTER, COLORED.

Alcorn, Minerva, lot, 4.33
Anderson, Gran, land, 16.48
Arnold, Lucy, lot, 3.33
Ball, Joe, lot, 6.28
Beasley, Mary, hrs. land, 10.33
Beasley, Sam, land, 5.98
Blair, Bill, lot, 5.39
Burnsides, Mary, lot, 3.32
Cunningham, Bony hrs. lot, 2.82
Denny, Mary Jane, lot, 2.10
Dunn, Bill, land, 5.95
Kavanaugh, Mattie, lot, 2.38
Kennedy, Jane, hrs. lot, 3.90
Lackey, Alex, lot, 5.15
Leavell, Anderson, lot, 7.21
Leavell, Ellen and Ceph, lot, 19.70
Rothwell, Henry, land, 7.74

NO. 2. BRYANTSVILLE, WHITE.

Evans, Mrs. Mamie B. land, 6.84
Farley, Tom, land, 7.04
Preston, Asbury, land, 4.79

NO. 2. COLORED.

Banks, Charlie, land, 55.78
Denny, George, land, 6.81
Dunn, Tom, hrs. land, 3.20
Dunn, William, land, 8.79
Floyd, William, lot, 9.37
Jones, Hock, lot, 7.04
Stewart, Tom, lots, 7.14
Sutton, Lee, lots, 4.80
Williams, William, lot, 12.10

NO. 3. WHITE.

Adkinson, Josie, land, 7.99
Adams, Andy, land, 12.97
Bowling, C. W. land, 4.50
Burton, J. B. land, 3.81
Burton, Woodson, land, 4.47
Hume, W. T. land, 11.85
Osborne, E. land, 12.39
Preston, Robert, land, 9.03
Rogers, Curtis, land, 4.82
Sebastian, S. S. land, 20.21
Whittaker, W. H. land, 8.31

NO. 3. COLORED.

Leavell, Ed, land, 5.70
West, Charlie, land, 7.04

NO. 4. WHITE.

Alma, A. C. n. r. land, 16.15
Brooks, J. L. land, 6.45
Creech, Eliza, land, 30.15
Hall, Sam, land, 10.05
Holman, Sam land, 4.60
Holman, J. F. land, 4.60
Hopkins, Frank, land, 4.80
King, George, n. r. land, 2.16
King, William, n. r. land, 2.65
Kinnaird, Bradley, land, 4.60
Letcher, Dr. n. r. land, 2.82
Miller, Susan, land, 1.22
Parker, Lucy, land, 2.10
Peters, R. E. land, bal., 7.64
Pointer, Mrs. Sallie, land, 3.48
Pointer, J. W. land, 7.14
Ross Malisa, land, 2.65
Shelton, Lish, land, 4.56
Sparks, T. G. land, 7.04
Tudor, O. P. land, 4.81
Williams, Ed, land, 2.10

NO. 4. COLORED.

Bousley, George, land, 7.14
Baxter, A. J., land, 7.93
Buxford, Fred, land, 2.65
Burnsides, Clay, land, 4.81
Faulkner, Harvey, land, 12.55
Faulkner, William, land, 8.20
Faulkner, Bill, land, 2.10
Faulkner, Abe, Jr., land, 4.39
Faulkner, Andy, land, 10.64
Harris, William, land, 5.98
Hudson, Jane, land, 7.41
Kelley, Ishah, land, 6.83
Kennedy, America, land, 2.10
Kennedy, Ed, land, 4.25
Lackey, Clell, land, 5.68
Leavell, Broadus, land, 7.14
Leavell, Jonas, land, 4.60
Mitchell, Herbert, land, 4.60
Rothwell, Sarah, land, 2.10
Wallace, George, land, 0.21
Yeahey, Eliza, land, 3.71

A. K. WALKER, Sheriff,

of Garrard County.

January 2nd, 1919.